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MINNESOTA'S DECEMBER MILK OUTPUT UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

December 2012 milk production totaled 786 million pounds in Minnesota, up 4 percent from the 753 million pounds produced in December 2011, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. November 2012 milk output was 739 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,690 pounds in December 2012, up 70 pounds from last December. The November 2012 rate was 1,590 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during December 2012 was 465 thousand head, unchanged from the November 2012 number, and unchanged from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the twelve months of 2012 was 9.07 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from December 2011. November revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from November 2011. The November revision represented an increase of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,848 pounds for December, 30 pounds above December 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 5,000 head more than December 2011, and 16,000 head more than November 2012.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major States for the twelve months of 2012 was 187 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Dec 2011	Nov 2012 Rev.	Dec 2012	Dec 2011	Nov 2012 Rev.	Dec 2012	Dec 2011	Nov 2012 Rev.	Dec 2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,779	1,780	1,779	1,965	1,835	1,920	3,496	3,266	3,416	97.7
ID	580	578	580	1,910	1,890	1,930	1,108	1,092	1,119	101.0
MN	465	465	465	1,620	1,590	1,690	753	739	786	104.4
NY	610	610	610	1,755	1,735	1,830	1,071	1,058	1,116	104.2
PA	539	533	534	1,650	1,600	1,685	889	853	900	101.2
WI	1,265	1,271	1,270	1,755	1,745	1,845	2,220	2,218	2,343	105.5
23 States	8,485	8,474	8,490	1,818	1,762	1,848	15,426	14,929	15,693	101.7

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